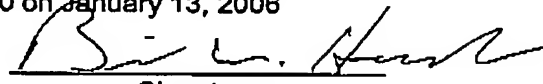


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 16, 2006.

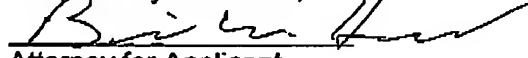
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I, Claims 18-28, and Group II, Claims 37-48. Applicants elect the Group I claims, (Claims 18-28).

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,



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